

CHILO

*Living and Working
with the Ohio River*

Opens Summer 2005



**Past to Present
Experience the
Ohio River!**



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The Chilo Lock #34 Park Visitor Center and Museum was once the site of an old U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wicket dam, dating back to 1925. The powerhouse from the wicket dam remains on the property and is being converted into an interpretive museum and visitor center on life along the Ohio River.

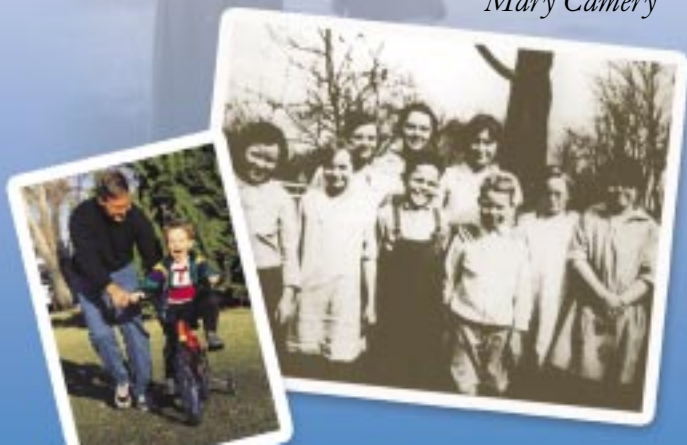
The Ohio River Valley is not just a location for a home, it was (and is) a way of life for the communities of this area. The river provides transportation, supplies, and a connection to the natural world. During the Underground Railroad era it provided freedom.

At Chilo Lock #34 Park, witness these moving illustrations of the life and times along the Ohio River!

**Experience the heart of
"Living and Working with the Ohio River"!**

"The first four rows belong to the river." It was understood that the four rows of your garden closest to the river were to be shared with the shanty boat families.

Mary Camery





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The Ohio River Experience

Discover the rich heritage of "Working and Living with the Ohio River" in the communities of Southwestern Ohio at the Chilo Lock #34 Park Visitor Center and Museum. Each exhibit in the visitor center portrays sweet memories as well as the woes and tribulations that follow the rivers' path.

Explore hands-on how wicket dams and locks work operating the one-third scale interactive model. Understand the effects of flooding in nearby communities and the changes initiated by the modern lock and dam system.

Located at the river's edge, watch and learn to identify passing tow boats and their barges or take in the panoramic view from the observation deck.



(Above) Inside the maneuver boat operating cranes and winches. Donated by Nola Camery.



(Right) Chilo Lock #34 and dam from Kentucky in 1938.

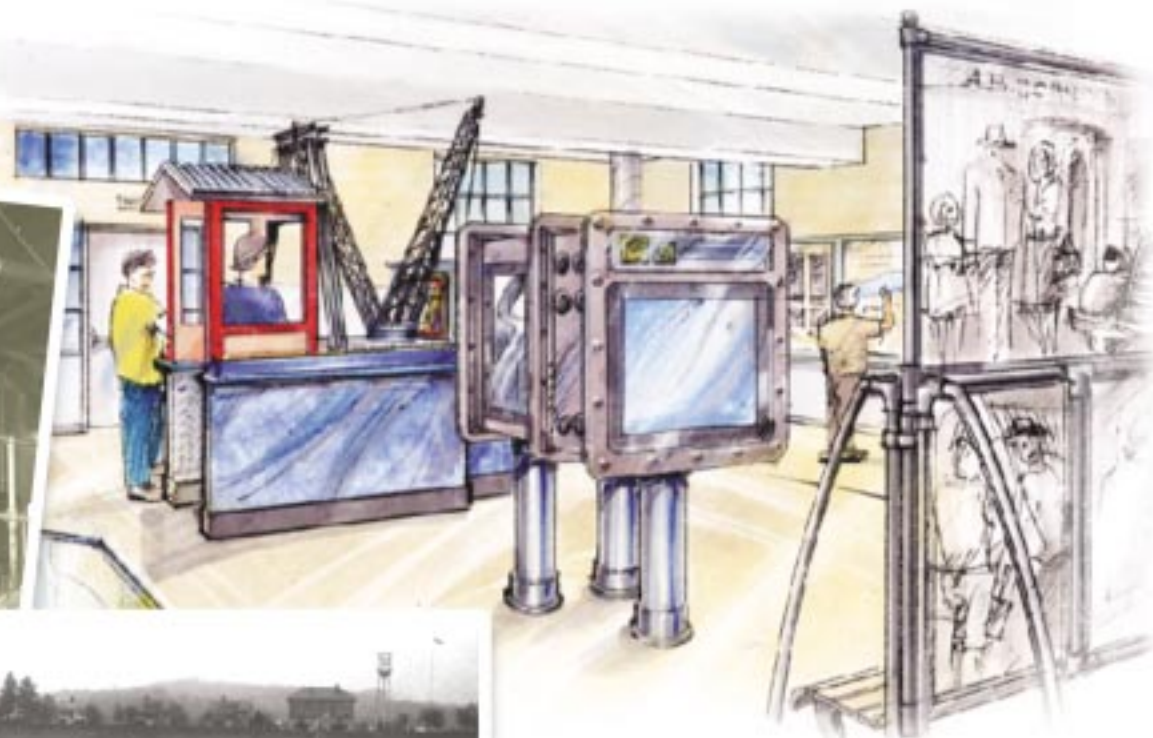


Chilo Lock #34 January 26, 1937. River stage 76 feet. From the collection of Elva Evans. Donated by Grace and L'Caian Evans.

The Park

The park grounds offer activities for the entire family including a historical Riverwalk, river-scape seating with picnic areas and planned playground facilities.

Observe wildlife in the recently constructed one and a half acre wetland or the adjacent Crooked Run Nature Preserve. The preserve is owned by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources- Division of Natural Areas and Preserves and is listed as one of the top "Watchable Wildlife" areas in Ohio. The nature preserve includes a scenic one-mile nature trail, observation blinds and tower, Ohio River vistas and a pond. Enjoy frequent sightings of beaver, deer, waterfowl, migrating songbirds, and an occasional Bald Eagle. The preserve is a quiet, scenic haven for wildlife and an excellent location for naturalists and wildlife photographers.



The Visitor Center 513-876-9013

Located near State Route 222 and US Route 52 on the Ohio River Scenic Byway, the visitor center will be a host of information for the Greater Cincinnati area. Fully stocked with local visitor brochures of various attractions, the Chilo destination will also serve as a gateway to an expanded itinerary of regional splendors.

The visitor center will also serve as a welcoming area for visitors to Chilo Lock #34 Park. Groups of fifteen or more may schedule an interpretive program by a park naturalist to provide the complete experience of "Living and Working with the Ohio River".



The wetlands, a natural habitat for many species, offer a great opportunity for wildlife sightings of Green Heron (left), or Beaver (second left) exploring from his lodge.

The Foundation

The park is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Sites. To help preserve this national treasure, the Clermont County Park District has received grants from the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byway program, The Pattison Foundation and the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen. You can help by making a monetary contribution, a donation of river related items and photographs, or by volunteering.



Areas of sponsorship opportunities include park benches, playground equipment, water tower restoration, third floor exhibits, and further development of educational programs.



Contributions can be made directly to the Park District or to the Clermont County Park District Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. The Fund is part of the Clermont County Family of Funds of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. For donation information please contact Chris Clingman, Director of the Clermont County Park District.

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Chilo is centrally located between Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Lexington Kentucky, conveniently near Interstates 64, 71, 75 and 275.